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National HIV Testing Day is June 27

Kansas organizations to hold free HIV testing events

TOPEKA, Kan. – The CDC estimates that more than 1.1 million people are living with HIV in the United States. As of December 2016, there were an estimated 3,157 people in Kansas living with HIV/AIDS. June 27 is National HIV Testing Day. This year's theme is, "Test Your Way. Do It Today". The campaign encourages all adults to get tested for HIV and know their status. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13-64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care, and that people with certain risk factors get tested more often. One in seven people who have HIV don't know it. Getting tested is the first step to taking control of your health. If you have HIV, getting medical care and taking prescribed medication regularly helps you live a longer, healthier life and also lowers the chances of passing HIV on to others.

Organizations throughout Kansas will offer HIV testing events in observance of National HIV Testing Day. Some of these events include:

Kansas City

- Healthy Living Project will be providing FREE rapid HIV testing Tuesday June 27 from 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Healthy Living Project is located at 8650 W 95th Street Overland Park, KS 66212. For more information contact Chad Steele at 913-708-1414.

Topeka

- Positive Connections will be providing FREE rapid HIV testing Tuesday June 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Positive Connections will also be hosting a Health Fair (Wellness checks, STD education, etc.) from 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Both events will be at Positive Connections which is located 2044 SW Fillmore Street Topeka, KS 66604. They will also be providing hot dogs, chips, and a drink to anyone who comes and gets tested. For more information contact Kathleen Link at 785-232-3100 or visit their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PCNEKS/>).

Wichita

- Hunter Health Clinic will be providing FREE conventional and rapid HIV testing at the New Jerusalem Mission on June 27 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The New Jerusalem Mission is located at 209 E Broadway Street, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Tabatha Miller or Paola Rajos at 316-262-2475 ext. 1112.
- Positive Directions along with Walgreens are teaming together to provide HIV testing at Walgreens in support of National HIV Testing Day. HIV testing will be available from June 27-29 from 9:00

a.m. -5:00 p.m. Walgreens is located 803 N Broadway St, Wichita, KS 67217. Positive Directions will be providing FREE rapid HIV testing. For more information contact Brett Hogan at 316-263-2214.

- Sedgwick County Division of Health will provide FREE HIV testing Tuesday June 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sedgwick County Division of Health (SCDOH) Sexually Transmitted Infections Clinic is located at 2716 W Central, Wichita, KS. For more information contact Mai Nguyen at 316-660-7300.

To find HIV counseling and testing sites near you visit www.hivtest.org. For more information about awareness events in Kansas, please contact Camille Cushinberry, STI/HIV Prevention Program Coordinator at Camille.Cushinberry@ks.gov or visit <http://aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/hiv-testing-day> for more information on National HIV Testing Day.